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Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . Consultations of the whole (closed) . . . . . Consultations Room

Programme of work

Somalia (S/2003/987)

Other matters

Security Council

The Presidency of the Security Council for the month of November 2003 (Angola), will hold a briefing to the press on the programme of work for the month of November, *today*, 4 November 2003, following the consultations of the whole, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226). Delegations can view the Press briefing in Studio 4 located in the First Basement.

The presidency of the Security Council for the month of November 2003 (Angola), will provide a briefing to all Member States and Observers on the programme of work for the month of November, in Conference Room 7, *today*, 4 November 2003, at 3 p.m.

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General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

10 a.m. 54th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba [29]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/58/287)

(b) Draft resolution (A/58/L.4)

3 p.m. 55th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency [14]

   (a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (A/58/312)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/58/L.10)

2. The situation in Central America: progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development: reports of the Secretary-General (A/58/262, A/58/267, and A/58/270) [26]

3. Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic [27]

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/58/265)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/58/L.12)

4. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) [32]

Main Committees

First Committee

2.30–4.30 p.m. 21st meeting Conference Room 2

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under all disarmament and international security agenda items (items 62-80):

Documents of the First Committee: *item 65* (A/C.1/58/L.11, A/C.1/58/L.58); *item 73* (A/58/117, A/58/117/Add.1, A/58/117/Add.2, A/58/129, A/58/129/Add.1, A/58/130, A/58/138, A/58/162, A/58/162/Add.1, A/58/176, A/58/176/Add.1, A/58/207, A/58/208, A/58/208/Add.1, A/58/406, A/58/848, A/C.1/58/4, A/C.1/58/L.1/Rev.1, A/C.1/58/L.56, A/C.1/58/L.15/Rev.1, A/C.1/58/L.18/Rev.1, A/C.1/58/L.25/Rev.1, A/C.1/58/L.26, A/C.1/58/L.39/Rev.1*, A/C.1/58/L.40/Rev.1*); and *item 74* (A/58/122, A/58/139, A/58/177, A/58/190, A/58/203, A/58/274, A/C.1/58/L.54/Rev.1) (other documents: A/C.1/58/1, A/C.1/58/2, A/C.1/58/3, A/C.1/58/3/Add.1, A/C.1/58/INF.1, A/C.1/58/INF.1/Add.1, A/C.1/58/INF.2, A/C.1/58/INF.2*, A/C.1/58/INF.2/Add.1, A/C.1/58/INF.2/Add.2, A/C.1/58/INF.2/Add.3, A/C.1/58/INF.2/Add.4, A/C.1/58/INF.2/Add.5)

Second Committee

Morning[1]–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 4

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Ms. Ulrika Cronenberg-Mossberg (Sweden) on: A/C.2/58/L.5 (item 93 (b)); and A/C.2/58/L.21 (item 99 (b))

[1] Following the briefing on "Rebuilding Peace: The Development Dimensions and Post-Conflict Management".

Third Committee

3–4.30 p.m. . . . . 32nd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

1. Advancement of women . . . . . [110]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.17/Rev.1

2. Promotion and protection of the rights of children . . . . . [113]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/58/L.29

3. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions (A/58/12, A/58/12/Add.1 (Suppl.)[1], A/58/281, A/58/299, A/58/353, A/58/410 and A/58/415-S/2003/952) . . . . . [112]

Continuation of general discussion

[1] To be issued.

Fifth Committee

9.30 a.m. . . . . 15th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

1. United Nations common system (A/58/30) . . . . . [126]

Continuation of general discussion

2. Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 . . . . . [121]

Salary and retirement allowance of the Secretary-General and salary and pensionable remuneration of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (A/58/7/Add.3)

Introduction and general discussion

Morning[1]–12.30 p.m. . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005):

Cross-cutting issues: restoration of budget cuts; flexibility; personnel matters; staff costs, consultants and experts; travel; publications and information technology (A/58/6 (Introduction), A/58/6 (Sect. 1), A/58/6 (Sect. 2), A/58/6 (Sect. 3), A/58/6 (Sect. 4, A/58/6 (Sect. 5), A/58/6 (Sect. 6), A/58/6 (Sect. 7), A/58/6 (Sect. 8), A/58/6 (Sect. 9), A/58/6 (Sect. 10), A/58/6 (Sect. 11), A/58/6 (Sect. 12), A/58/6 (Sect. 13), A/58/6 (Sect. 14), A/58/6 (Sect. 15), A/58/6 (Sect. 16) and A/58/6 (Sect. 17))

[1] Following the adjournment of the 15th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

2.30–4.45 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005):

Cross-cutting issues: restoration of budget cuts; flexibility; personnel matters; staff costs, consultants and experts; travel; publications and information technology (A/58/6 (Sect. 18), A/58/6 (Sect. 19), A/58/6 (Sect. 20), A/58/6 (Sect. 21), A/58/6 (Sect. 22) and A/58/6 (Sect. 23))

Sixth Committee

10 a.m. 21st meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-fifth session (A/58/10) [152]

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [156]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/58/L.19

Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property [150]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/58/L.20

Scope of legal protection under the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel [157]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/58/L.22

Progressive development of the principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order [148]

Action on draft decision A/C.6/58/L.24

United Nations programme of assistance in the teaching, study, dissemination and wider appreciation of international law (A/58/446) [149]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/58/L.13

3 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 152 (Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-fifth session)

2003 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities

3–6 p.m. Open meeting Conference Room 4

1. Election of officers of the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities
2. Statements regarding pledges (A/CONF.204/1, A/CONF.200/2 and E/2003/57)

3. Adoption of the draft report (A/CONF.204/L.1)
4. Closure of the meeting

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

United Nations in Liberia (UNMIL)

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Informal consultations under agenda item 47 (Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations . . . . . Conference Room 7

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS" (agenda item 47), organized under the auspices of the Office of the President of the General Assembly and facilitated by H.E. Mr. Denis Dangue Réwaka, Permanent Representative of Gabon to the United Nations. [The draft resolution was forwarded to Member States on 31 October 2003. All delegations are invited to attend.]

Informal consultations on agenda item 52 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Second Committee

Briefing

A keynote address to the Second Committee delegates will be made by Mr. Mark Malloch Brown, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, on "Rebuilding Peace: The Development Dimensions of Crisis and Post-Conflict Management", *today*, 4 November 2003, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Iftekhar Chowdhury (Bangladesh), Chairman of the Second Committee. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Summaries, background papers and statements for Second Committee panel discussions and keynote addresses may be accessed on the Economic and Social Council Web site at www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc.

Other meetings

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Tuesday, 4 November 2003

Group of 77 *(Second Committee: agenda item 91 (a))*

9 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

5–6 p.m. Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)*

1–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Group of 77 *(Second Committee: partnerships)*

2–3 p.m. Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

Group of 77 *(Second Committee: agenda items 93 (c) and 102)*

3–5 p.m. Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

Mason Group *(on First Committee matters)*

9–10.30 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

JUSCANZ Group *(on Second Committee matters)*

9–9.45 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)*

9–9.45 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

Informal consultations on draft resolutions on the preparation for and observance of the International Year of the Family and on the importance of the guidance and the role of parents in the care, control and development of children (under agenda item 106) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Benin)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 1

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Disarmament

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Human Rights

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Open-ended informal consultations on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" (agenda item 111) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Colombia)

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on human rights and mass exoduses (agenda item 117 (b)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Canada)

12 noon–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

African Group *(on the draft resolution on refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa) (agenda item 112) (Third Committee)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the incompatibility between democracy and racism (organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health (organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

Open-ended informal consultations on paragraph 62 of General Assembly resolution 57/270 B entitled "Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields" (agenda item 50) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

3–4 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

UNITAR French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Informal "informals" of the Second Committee

There will be informal "informals" of the Second Committee, convened by the Vice-Chairmen of the Second Committee, with all facilitators of the draft resolutions introduced on Monday, 3 November 2003, *today*, 4 November, in Conference Room C,

in the afternoon, following the adjournment of the open-ended informal consultations on paragraph 62 of General Assembly resolution 57/270 B, organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden.

United Nations Administrative Tribunal

The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will hold closed meetings *today*, 4 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in room DC2-0461.

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative, up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Tuesday, 4 November 2003

Room S-226

11.15 a.m. Mr. Nitin Desai, Secretary-General's Special Adviser for the World Summit on the Information Society; and H.E. Daniel Stauffacher, delegate of the Swiss Federal Council for the Summit (on the World Summit, Geneva, 10-12 December 2003)

Guest at noon Mr. Peter Hansen, United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General to the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Palestinian Authority

Forthcoming official meetings

Wednesday, 5 November 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

10 a.m. 56th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Global road safety crisis: draft resolution (A/58/L.3/Rev.1) [160]
2. Assistance in mine action: report of the Secretary-General (A/58/260 and A/58/260/Add.1) [22]

3 p.m. 57th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of a member of the Joint Inspection Unit: note by the Secretary-General (A/58/108) [17 (h)]

2. Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies: report of the Secretary-General (A/58/392) [20]

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 16th meeting on Wednesday, 5 November 2003, at 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room 3, immediately followed by informal consultations (closed) in Conference Room 5.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on agenda item 84 (Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories) are kindly urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers as soon as possible (room S-2977; tel. 1 (212) 963-9223).

Second Committee

Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Science and technology for Sustainable Development", organized by the Department for Economic and Social Affairs, on Wednesday, 5 November 2003, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Iftekhar Chowdhury (Bangladesh), Chairman of the Second Committee. The panellists will include Dr. William Clark, Harvey Brooks Professor of International Science, Public Policy and Human Development, John F. Kennedy School of Government of Harvard University; Dr. T. Nejat Veziroglu, Director of the Clean Energy Research Institute, University of Miami; Dr. Jeffrey M. Jaffe, President of Bell Labs Research and Advanced Technologies for Lucent Technologies; and Dr. Lixin Zhang, President of the World High Tech Society.

Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information please contact DESA Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination (tel. 1 (212) 963-4201; or e-mail ecosocinfo@un.org). Summaries, background papers and statements for Second Committee panel discussions and keynote addresses may be accessed on the ECOSOC Web site at (www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc).

Informal dialogue

There will be a dialogue between the Second Committee and the new Chief Economist of the World Bank, Mr. François Bourguignon, on Wednesday, 5 November 2003, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Globalization" on Monday, 10 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The meeting will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Iftekhar Chowdhury (Bangladesh), Chairman of the Second Committee. Presentations will be made

by Professor Paul Krugman, School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University; and Professor Jagdish Bhagwati, Arthur Lehman Professor of Economics, Columbia University. Dr. Manuel Orozco, Project Director of the Central America for the Inter-American Dialogue; and Mr. Jean Pierre Ouedraogo, Ligue des Consommateurs du Burkina Fasso, will also make presentations.

Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of accredited non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information please contact the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-4201; or e-mail ecosocinfo@un.org).

Third Committee

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee, as follows:

Under agenda item 117:

Monday, 10 November 2003, at 3 p.m.: Ms. Hina Jilani (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Human Rights Defenders); Mr. Peter Leuprecht (Special Representative of the Secretary-General for human rights in Cambodia); and Ms. Gabriela Rodríguez Pizarro (Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants);

Tuesday, 11 November, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Abdelfattah Amor (Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief); Mr. Theo van Boven (Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment); and Mr. Francis Deng (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on internally displaced persons); *at 3 p.m.*: Mr. Jean Ziegler (Special Rapporteur on the right to food); Mr. Paul Hunt (Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health); and Ms. Yakin Ertürk (Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences); and

Wednesday, 12 November, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Paulo Sérgio Pinheiro (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar); Ms. Marie-Thérèse Aïssata Kéita-Bocoum (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi); and Ms. Iulia Motoc (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo); *at 3 p.m.*: Mr. Andreas Mavrommatis (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iraq); and Mr. John Dugard (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967).

Following the introduction of each of these reports, the floor will be open to members of the Committee for dialogue, questions and comments. All interested members of the Committee are invited to participate.

Disarmament Commission

The 2003 organizational session of the Disarmament Commission will be held on Thursday, 6 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. All Member States are invited to attend.

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Informal consultations on agenda item 52 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 52 (b) (Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Friday, 7 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Group of 77 (*Second Committee: agenda item 91 (a)*)

There will be meetings of the Group of 77 (*agenda item 91 (a)*) on Wednesday, 5 November 2003, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6; and from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber; and on Thursday, 6 November, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7, and from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)" (A/C.2/58/L.4) (Second Committee) (agenda item 98) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)" (A/C.2/58/L.4) (Second Committee) (agenda item 98), organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil, on Wednesday, 5 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Joint Coordinating Committee of the Group of 77 and the Non-Aligned Movement *(at the ambassadorial level)*

There will a meeting of the Joint Coordinating Committee of the Group of 77 and the Non-Aligned Movement *(at the ambassadorial level)*, on Wednesday, 5 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

UNITAR briefing on "Developments in Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea"

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea of the Office of Legal Affairs are jointly organizing a briefing on "Developments in Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea". The briefing, to be

conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, 5 and 6 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 963-9196).

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards global partnership" (agenda item 46) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy)

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards global partnership" (agenda item 46), organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, on Wednesday and Friday, 5 and 7 November 2003, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 7.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds and assets of illicit origin and returning such funds and assets to the countries of origin" (A/C.2/58/L.2) (agenda item 92) (Second Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Portugal)

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds and assets of illicit origin and returning such funds and assets to the countries of origin" (A/C.2/58/L.2) (Second Committee) (agenda item 92), organized by the Permanent Mission of Portugal, on Wednesday, 5 November 2003, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Room S-2963D

Briefing on human rights treaty body reform

The briefing on human rights treaty body reform, organized by the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, will be held on Wednesday, 5 November 2003, from 12.30 to 2 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (reference: letter dated 13 June 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein to the United Nations transmitting the report of an international meeting of experts on the theme of treaty body reform). For further information, please contact Mr. Craig Mokhiber (tel. 1 (917) 367-5208).

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on human rights and terrorism (agenda item 117 (b)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Algeria)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on human rights and terrorism (agenda item 117 (b)) (Third Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of Argelia, will be held on Wednesday, 5 November 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on elimination of all forms of religious intolerance (agenda item 117 (b)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Ireland)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on elimination of all forms of religious intolerance (agenda item 117 (b)) (Third Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of Ireland, will be held on Wednesday, 5 November 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Open-ended informal consultations on draft resolution on access to medication in the context of pandemics such as HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria (organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on draft resolution on access to medication in the context of pandemics such as HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria, organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil, on Wednesday, 5 November 2003, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on international covenants on human rights (agenda item 117 (a)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on international covenants on human rights (agenda item 117 (a)) (Third Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden, will be held on *Wednesday, 5 November 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.*

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Programme of Action for the International Year of Microcredit, 2005" (A/C.2/58/L.3) (Second Committee) (agenda item 98) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Guatemala)

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Programme of Action for the International Year of Microcredit, 2005" (A/C.2/58/L.3) (Second Committee) (agenda item 98), organized by the Permanent Mission of Guatemala, on Wednesday, 5 November 2003, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Meeting to address U.S.-Russian non-proliferation measures to meet global security challenges (organized by the Permanent Missions of the Russian Federation and the United States)

The U.S. Secretary of Energy, Mr. Spencer Abraham, and the Minister of Atomic Energy of the Russian Federation, Mr. Alexander Rumyantsev, will co-host a meeting to address U.S.-Russian non-proliferation measures to meet global security challenges. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, 5 November 2003, at 4 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution (A/C.2/58/L.4) entitled "Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)" (Second Committee) (agenda item 98) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution (A/C.2/58/L.4) entitled "Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)" (Second Committee) (agenda item 98), organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil, on Thursday, 6 November 2003, and on Friday, 7 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on draft resolutions on the preparation for and observance of the International Year of the Family and on the importance of the guidance and the role of parents in the care, control and development of children (under agenda item 106) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Benin)

Informal consultations on draft resolutions on the preparation for and observance of the International Year of the Family and on the importance of the guidance and the role of parents in the care, control and development of children (under agenda item 106), organized by the Permanent Mission of Benin, will be held on Thursday, 6 November 2003, from10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D; and on Friday, 7 November, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on Human rights and Mass Exoduses (agenda item 117 (b)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Canada)

A meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on Human rights and Mass Exoduses (agenda item 117 (b)) (Third Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of Canada, will be held on Thursday, 6 November 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Meeting of interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "Responding to global threats and challenges" (A/58/L.7) (agenda item 60) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

There will be a meeting of interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "Responding to global threats and challenges" (A/58/L.7) (agenda item 60), organized by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation, on Thursday, 6 November 2003, from 3.30 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Human Rights

There will be meetings of the Working Group on Human Rights of the Non-Aligned Movement on Friday, 7 November 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Symposia on population and development

The symposia on population and development, organized by the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States and the Office of the Permanent Observer of Partners in Population and Development to the United Nations, will continue at Headquarters, as follows:

Symposium III on "Empowerment of Women": Monday, 10 November 2003, from 3 to 5.30 p.m., in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium; and

Symposium IV on "Population and HIV/AIDS": Wednesday, 19 November, from 4 to 6 p.m., in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend [For further information: tel. 1 (212) 457-1828; e-mail rgarvey@ppdsec.org].

UNITAR Briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council. The briefing is intended primarily for representatives of those States that will be members of the Council in 2004. Depending on the availability of seats, delegates from other States may attend as observers. The briefing will be held on the following dates: Monday, 10 November 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 11 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 12 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; and Thursday, 13 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all States that will be members of the Security Council in 2004. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 5 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)*

There will be meetings of the JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)*, as follows: 11 November 2003, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room B; and from 17 to 21 November, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room D.

Training session for all permanent missions in the use of Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) for United Nations activities

A training session for all permanent missions in the use of Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) for United Nations activities, organized by the Permanent Mission of Andorra, under the auspices of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics, will be held on Wednesday, 19 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8.

UNITAR Workshop Series on Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology

As part of the series on Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology, the third and final high-level seminar of this year on "Policy Awareness and Security Issues on Information Technology", organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), will be held on Friday, 21 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4. This interactive seminar is primarily aimed at ambassadors and other diplomats. However, all interested staff members as well as representatives of non-governmental organizations are welcome to attend.

This is the second year of the series, presented under the auspices of the ICT Task Force and the Working Group on Informatics, and implemented with the active participation and sponsorship of Intel Corporation. For further information please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684).

Announcements

Security Council

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Summary of meetings

Monday, 3 November 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

52nd plenary meeting

Sport for peace and development [23 (a) and (b)]: joint debate

(a) Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal: draft resolution (A/58/L.9)

(b) International Year of Sport and Physical Education: draft resolution (A/58/L.2)

H.E. Mr. Abderrahim Zouari, Minister for Sports of Tunisia, made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/58/L.2.

H. E. Mr. George Papandreou, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Greece, made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/58/L.9.

His Serene Highness Prince Albert, Crown Prince of the Principality of Monaco, made a statement.

Statements were made the representatives of Switzerland, China, Israel, Cyprus, Cuba, Egypt and the United States.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions A/58/L.2 and A/58/L.9 (resolutions 58/5 and 58/6).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 23.

The General assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 23.

Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency . . . . . [14]

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (A/58/312)

(b) Draft resolution (A/58/L.10)

Mr. Mohamed Elbaradei, Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency, made a statement, in the course of which he presented the report of the Agency for the year 2002.

The representative of Spain made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/58/L.10.

Statements were made by the representatives of Italy (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey) and Peru.

53rd plenary meeting *Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency* . . . . . [14]

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (A/58/312)

(b) Draft resolution (A/58/L.10)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 14.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Egypt, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Pakistan, Japan and Kenya.

53rd plenary meeting (resumed)

Address by H.E. Mr. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda

The President of the General Assembly made a statement.

The Deputy Secretary-General made a statement.

H.E. Mr. Sha Zukang, President of the Trade and Development Board of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, made a statement.

H.E. Mr. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda, addressed the General Assembly.

The President of the General Assembly made a statement.

Main Committees

First Committee

20th meeting

The Committee continued its third phase of work, namely, action on all draft resolutions/decisions submitted under disarmament and international security agenda items (items 62-80).

The Chairman made a statement.

A statement was made by the representative of Mexico.

In explanation of vote before the vote, the representatives of Israel and Cuba made statements.

Draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.23 was adopted as follows: preambular paragraph 6 was adopted by a recorded vote of 142 to 2, with 11 abstentions; and draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.23 as a whole was adopted by a recorded vote of 146 to 3, with 10 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.47 was adopted by a recorded vote of 101 to 43, with 18 abstentions.

In explanation of vote after the vote, the representatives of China, India, Canada, Pakistan and Japan made statements.

The representatives of Canada and France made statements.

Draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.46/Rev.1 was adopted without a vote.

The representatives of South Africa, Cuba, Azerbaijan, Canada, Egypt and India made statements in explanation of position after the decision.

Draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.27 was adopted by a recorded vote of 156 to 1, with 4 abstentions.

In explanation of vote after the vote, the representatives of the United States made a statement.

The representative of Pakistan made a statement.

The Chairman of the Committee made a statement.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

18th meeting

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [83]

The Committee concluded its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Egypt, Tunisia, Switzerland, Viet Nam, Cuba, Oman, Qatar, Malaysia, Indonesia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Japan, the United Arab Emirates, Turkey, South Africa, Morocco, the Sudan, Norway, Israel and Canada.

The observers of the Holy See and the Organization of Islamic Conference also made statements.

The Commissioner-General of UNRWA made a concluding statement.

The representative of Israel made a statement.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and Lebanon, as well as by the observer for Palestine.

Organization of work

The representative of Lebanon made a statement.

The Chairman replied to a query posed to him by the representative of Israel.

The Committee decided to begin its general debate on item 84 (Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories) on Wednesday, 5 November.

Second Committee

23rd meeting

The President of the General Assembly summarized the work of the open-ended panel of independent eminent persons on the subject of commodities.

Macroeconomic policy questions . . . . . [91]

(a) International trade and development

(g) Commodities

The Committee began its consideration of sub-items 91 (a) and (g) and heard introductory statements by the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the President of the Trade and Development Board and the

Director of the Development Policy and Planning Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

A statement was made by the Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States.

Statements were made by the representatives of Morocco (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Lao People's Democratic Republic (on behalf of the Group of Land Locked Developing Countries), China, the Russian Federation and Pakistan.

24th meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions . . . . . [91]

(b) Science and technology for development

Introduction of draft proposals A/C.2/58/L.6, A/C.2/58/L.20 and A/C.2/58/L.19

The representative of Morocco introduced draft decision A/C.2/58/L.6 and draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.20, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

The representative of the United States introduced draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.19, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document.

(c) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries

(f) Outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.16

The representative of Morocco introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

(d) International financial system and development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.17

The representative of Morocco introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

(e) External debt crisis and development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.18

The representative of Morocco introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Environment and sustainable development . . . . . [94]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.12

The representative of Morocco introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

(b) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.7 and A/C.2/58/L.15

The representative of Morocco introduced the draft resolutions, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

(c) Convention on Biological Diversity

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.11

The representative of Morocco introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

(e) International strategy for disaster reduction

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.10

The representative of Morocco introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, Japan and Mexico.

A statement was made by the representative of Japan.

(f) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.14

The representative of Morocco introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

(g) Sustainable mountain development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.22

The representative of Switzerland introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Austria, Canada, Croatia, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, South Africa and Tajikistan.

Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development . . . [95]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.9

The representative of Morocco introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development . . . . . [96]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.13

The representative of Japan introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document and the Philippines.

Training and research . . . . . [99]

(b) United Nations System Staff College in Turin, Italy

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.21

The representative of Italy introduced the draft resolution (on behalf of the European Union, the acceding countries –Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia) and Kazakhstan.

Macroeconomic policy questions . . . . . [91]

(a) International trade and development

(g) Commodities

The Committee continued its consideration of sub-items 91 (a) and (g) and heard statements by the representatives of South Africa, Cuba, Bangladesh and Australia (on behalf of CAIRNS).

The observer of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) made a statement.

The representative of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman brought to the attention of the Committee the note by the Secretariat entitled "Agreement between the United Nations and the World Tourism Organization" (A/C.2/58/2) and, upon his recommendation, the Committee agreed to take action on a draft proposal presented by him on Friday, 7 November, in the morning, following the consideration of agenda item 12 (Report of the Economic and Social Council).

Third Committee

30th meeting

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions . . . . . [112]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees made a statement.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, in which the representatives of Pakistan, Japan, Mexico, the Russian Federation, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Sudan and Yemen took part.

The Committee began its general discussion of the item and heard statements by th representatives of Italy (on behalf of the European Union), the United States, Switzerland, China, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (on behalf of Southern African Development Community (SADC)), Norway and Canada.

Statements were also made by the observers of the International Organization for Migration and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

31st meeting

The Committee continued its general discussion of agenda item 112 and heard statements by the representatives of the Sudan, the Russian Federation, Azerbaijan (on behalf of the GUUAM) and Mexico.

The representative of the World Food Programme also made a statement.

Organization of work

The Committee was reminded that the deadline for submission of draft proposals under the item was Wednesday, 5 November, at 6 p.m.

Fifth Committee

14th meeting

United Nations common system . . . . . [126]

The Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission introduced the report of the Commission (A/58/30).

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 35/213, the President of the Federation of International Civil Servants' Associations (FICSA) made a statement.

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 . . . . . 121]

The Committee continued its consideration of this agenda item.

Information technology (A/57/620, A/58/377, A/58/7, and A/58/7/Corr.1)

Development account (A/58/404 and A/58/7/Add.5)

United Nations Fund for International Partnerships (A/58/173)

Comprehensive review of the post structure of the Secretariat (A/58/398 and A/58/7/Add.5)

Cost implications of providing more predictable and adequate conference services to the meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States (A/58/397 and A/58/7/Add.5)

Proportion of General Service staff to Professional staff in the regional commissions (A/58/403 and A/58/7/Add.5)

Improving and modernizing the conference facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi (A/58/530 and A/58/7/Add.6)

Additional expenditures deriving from inflation and currency fluctuations (A/58/400 and A/58/7/Add.5)

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan and Saudi Arabia.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of these questions.

Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 . . . . . 120]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Financial situation of the United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (A/58/426 and A/58/547)

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/58/426).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the report of that Committee (A/58/547).

Statements were made by the representatives the Syrian Arab Republic, Mexico, Costa Rica and the Dominican Republic.

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

Other matters

The Director of the General Legal Division, Office of Legal Affairs, made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Mexico, Australia, the Syrian Arab Republic, the United States, Venezuela, India, Uruguay, Nigeria, New Zealand and Canada.

The Director of the General Legal Division replied to questions raised.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and China.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services replied to questions raised.

Other matters

Human resources management . . . . . [127]

Administration of justice at the United Nations . . . . . [128]

The Director of the Division for Organizational Development, Office of Human Resources Management, and the Deputy Director of the Internal Audit Division, Office of Internal Oversight Services, made statements.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and Nigeria.

The Deputy Director of the Internal Audit Division replied to questions raised.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without objection, to postpone to the resumed session consideration of agenda items 127 (Human resources management) and 128 (Administration of justice at the United Nations).

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Sixth Committee

20th meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-fifth session . [152]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 152.

The Chairman of the International Law Commission, Mr. Enrique Candioti (Argentina), introduced the remaining chapters, namely chapters IX and X of the report.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Australia, Malaysia, Viet Nam, Norway (on behalf of the Nordic countries), Canada, Mexico, Japan, China, Greece, Nepal, Bulgaria, Pakistan, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Uruguay.

Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property . . . . . [150]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 150.

The representative of the Japan introduced draft resolution A/C.6/58/L.20. Australia, Denmark, Finland, France, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Viet Nam joined as sponsors of the draft resolution.

Measures to eliminate international terrorism . . . . . [156]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 156.

The representative of Australia introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/C.6/58/L.19.

Scope of legal protection under the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel . . . . . [157]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 157.

The representative of New Zealand introduced draft resolution A/C.6/58/L.22. Cyprus, Honduras, Mali, New Zealand, Thailand and Timor-Leste joined as sponsors of the draft resolution.

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

Human Rights Committee
Seventy-ninth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

Monday, 3 November 2003

2157th meeting — *Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant* [6]

The Committee continued its consideration of the fourth periodic report of Sri Lanka.

2158th meeting — The Committee began its consideration of the General Comment on article 2.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

United Nations Convention Against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Opening for signature

The above Convention was adopted on 31 October 2003, during the plenary meeting of the General Assembly at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The Convention will be open for signature from 9 to 11 December 2003 at the "Centro de Convenciones y Exposiciones Yucatán Siglo XXI" in Mérida, Mexico, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 9 December 2005 by all States and by regional economic integration organizations, provided that at least one Member State of such organization is a signatory to the Convention.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in the possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers by *4 December 2003* to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org). Original instruments of full powers should be provided to the depositary representative at the signature ceremony.

Other announcements

Women's International Forum

There will be a meeting of the Women's International Forum on *today*, 4 November 2003, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. H.E. Mr. William H. Luers, President of the United Nations Association of the United States (UNA-USA), will be the speaker.

DPI/NGO briefing

This week, the topic of the DPI/NGO briefing will be "After Cancún: New Opportunities?" The Briefing will be held on Thursday, 6 November 2003, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Tala Dowlatshahi, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-1859).

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Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on 3 November 2003.

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A/58/4/Corr.1*	Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R S]
A/58/PV.7	Meeting held on 23 September 2003, 10 a.m. [F]
A/58/PV.14	Meeting held on 26 September 2003, 3 p.m. [A]

General Assembly	**Documents**
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A/58/15 (Part V)	Report of the Trade and Development Board on its fiftieth session — (Geneva, 6 to 17 October 2003) [A C E F R S]
A/58/370	Item 163 of the provisional agenda — Financing of the United Nations Mission in Côte d'Ivoire — Budget for the United Nations Mission in Côte d'Ivoire for the period from 13 May 2003 to 30 June 2004 — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/58/421	Item 117 (c) — Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives — Situation of women and girls in Afghanistan — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/58/521	Item 128 — Administration of justice at the United Nations — Report of the Sixth Committee [A C E F R S]
A/58/532	Item 102 — Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries — Participation of the least developed countries at the annual substantive sessions of the Economic and Social Council — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/58/536-S/2003/1047	Item 30 — Question of Cyprus — Letter dated 27 October 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/58/538	Item 161 — Financing of the United Nations Mission in Côte d'Ivoire — Proposed budget for the United Nations Mission in Côte d'Ivoire for the period from 13 May 2003 to 30 June 2004 — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]

A/58/547	Item 120 — Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 — Financial situation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]
A/58/L.3/Rev.1	Item 160 — Global road safety crisis — 56-Power draft resolution [A C E F R S]
A/58/L.9*	Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R S]
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A/C.1/58/L.18/Rev.1	Item 73 — General and complete disarmament — Pakistan: revised draft resolution — Confidence-building measures in the regional and subregional context [A C E F R S]
A/C.1/58/L.54/Rev.1	Item 74 (b) — Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly — 6-Power draft resolution — Regional confidence-building measures: activities of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa [A C E F R S]
A/C.1/58/INF/2/Add.3	Information note by the Secretariat — Additional co-sponsors of draft resolutions/decisions [E (only)]
A/C.1/58/INF/2/Add.4	Information note by the Secretariat — Additional co-sponsors of draft resolutions/decisions [E (only)]
	Second Committee
A/C.2/58/L.19	Item 91 (b) — Macroeconomic policy questions: science and technology for development — 6-Power draft resolution — Cybersecurity and the protection of critical information infrastructures [A C E F R S]
A/C.2/58/L.20	Item 91 (b) — Macroeconomic policy questions — Morocco: draft resolution — Science and technology for development [A C E F R S]
A/C.2/58/L.21	Item 99 (b) — Training and research — Italy: draft resolution — United Nations System Staff College in Turin, Italy [A C E F R S]
A/C.2/58/L.22	Item 94 (g) — Environment and sustainable development: sustainable mountain development — 6-Power draft resolution — Sustainable development in mountain regions [A C E F R S]
	Third Committee
A/C.3/58/3	Item 110 — Advancement of women — Letter dated 14 October 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/C.3/58/6	Item 117 (c) — Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives — Letter dated 21 October 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Myanmar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/C.3/58/L.30	Item 117 (b) — Human rights questions: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — Israel: draft resolution — The situation of and assistance to Israeli children [A C E F R S]
	Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)
A/C.4/58/L.9	Item 83 — United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East — United States of America: draft resolution — Assistance to Palestine refugees

	and support for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [A C E F R S]
A/C.4/58/L.10	Item 83 — United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East — 17-Power draft resolution — Assistance to Palestine refugees [A C E F R S]
A/C.4/58/L.12	Item 83 — United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East — 18-Power draft resolution — Persons displaced as a result of the June 1967 and subsequent hostilities [A C E F R S]
A/C.4/58/L.13	Item 83 — United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East — 18-Power draft resolution — Offers by Member States of grants and scholarships for higher education, including vocational training, for Palestine refugees [A C E F R S]
A/C.4/58/L.14	Item 83 — United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East — 18-Power draft resolution — Operations of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [A C E F R S]
A/C.4/58/L.15	Item 83 — United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East — 18-Power draft resolution — Palestine refugees' properties and their revenues [A C E F R S]
A/C.4/58/L.16	Item 83 — United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East — 18-Power draft resolution — University of Jerusalem "Al-Quds" for Palestine refugees [A C E F R S]
	Fifth Committee
A/C.5/58/11	Item 121 and 122 — Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 — Programme planning — Letter dated 27 October 2003 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S]
A/C.5/58/L.12	Item 120 — Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 — Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations — Conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials: members of the International Court of Justice, judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda [A C E F R S]
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A/C.6/58/L.24	Item 148 — Progressive development of the principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order — Draft decision [A C E F R S]

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A/58/536-S/2003/1047	Letter dated 27 October 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
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Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women

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Fifty-eighth session

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The Presidency of the Security Council for the month of November 2003 (Angola), will hold a briefing to the press on the programme of work for the month of November, *today*, 5 November 2003, at 11 a.m. in the Press Briefing Room (S-226). Delegations can view the Press briefing in Studio 4 located in the First Basement.

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[1] Following the adjournment of the 16th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

Sixth Committee

10–11.30 a.m. Informal consultations (closed) Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 152 (Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-fifth session)

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. 22nd meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

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Measures to eliminate international terrorism [156]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/58/L.19

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

1. United Nations University
2. Executive session: United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL)

Second Committee

Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Science and technology for Sustainable Development", organized by the Department for Economic and Social Affairs, *today*, 5 November 2003, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Iftekhar Chowdhury (Bangladesh), Chairman of the Second Committee. The panellists will include Dr. William Clark, Harvey Brooks Professor of International Science, Public Policy and Human Development, John F. Kennedy School of Government of Harvard University; Dr. T. Nejat Veziroglu, Director of the Clean Energy Research Institute, University of Miami; Dr. Jeffrey M. Jaffe, President of Bell Labs Research and Advanced Technologies for Lucent Technologies; and Dr. Lixin Zhang, President of the World High Tech Society. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information please contact the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-4201; or e-mail ecosocinfo@un.org). Summaries, background papers and statements for Second Committee panel discussions and keynote addresses may be accessed on the ECOSOC Web site at (www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc).

Informal dialogue

There will be a dialogue between the Second Committee and the new Chief Economist of the World Bank, Mr. François Bourguignon, *today*, 5 November 2003, *from 4.30 to 5.45 p.m.* in Conference Room 4. Mr. Bourguignon will make a presentation on "Towards Pragmatism and Partnership in Development Economics". The meeting will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Iftekhar Chowdhury (Bangladesh), Chairman of the Second Committee. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United

Nations System, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information please contact the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-4628; or e-mail ecosocinfo@un.org). Summaries, background papers and statements for Second Committee panel discussions and keynote addresses may be accessed on the ECOSOC Web site at (wwww.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc).

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 5 November 2003

Group of 77 *(Second Committee: agenda items 91 (a), 91 (g) and 101)*

9.15 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 6

2–5 p.m. Closed meeting . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Group of 77 *(Second Committee: partnerships)*

9.45–10.45 a.m. Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 7

Joint Coordinating Committee of the Group of 77 and the Non-Aligned Movement *(at the ambassadorial level)*

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)*

2.30–4.45 p.m. Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)" (A/C.2/58/L.4) (agenda item 98) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting . . . Conference Room B

UNITAR French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 9

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 9

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards global partnership" (agenda item 46) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy)

11 a.m.–12 noon . . . . Closed meeting . . . . Conference Room 7

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds and assets of illicit origin and returning such funds and assets to the countries of origin" (A/C.2/58/L.2) (agenda item 92) (Second Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Portugal)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . Room S-2963D

African Group *(on the draft resolution on refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa) (agenda item 112) (Third Committee)*

12.45–2.15 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . Conference Room 5

African Group *(Third Committee experts)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . Conference Room 9

African Group *(at the ambassadorial level)*

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . Conference Room 3

Caribbean Community (CARICOM) *(on Second Committee matters)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . Conference Room C

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on internally displaced persons (agenda item 117 (b)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Norway)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . Conference Room 4

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on human rights defenders (agenda item 117 (b)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Norway)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on human rights and terrorism (agenda item 117 (b)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Algeria)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . Conference Room 1

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on elimination of all forms of religious intolerance (agenda item 117 (b)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Ireland)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . Conference Room B

Open-ended meeting on the draft resolution on implementing actions proposed by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in strengthening the capacity of his Office to carry out its mandate (agenda item 112) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Denmark)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 3

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Programme of Action for the International Year of Microcredit, 2005" (A/C.2/58/L.3) (agenda item 98) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Guatemala)

3–5 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Open-ended informal consultations on draft resolution on access to medication in the context of pandemics such as HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria (organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

3–5 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on international covenants on human rights (agenda item 117 (a)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

3–5 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

UNITAR briefing on "Developments in Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea"

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea of the Office of Legal Affairs are jointly organizing a briefing on "Developments in Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea". The briefing, to be conducted in English, will be held *today* and *tomorrow*, 5 and 6 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 963-9196).

Briefing on human rights treaty body reform

The briefing on human rights treaty body reform, organized by the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, will be held *today*, 5 November 2003, from 12.30 to 2 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (reference: letter dated 13 June 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein to the United Nations transmitting the report of an international meeting of experts on the theme of treaty body reform). For further information, please contact Mr. Craig Mokhiber (tel. 1 (917) 367-5208).

Meeting to address U.S.-Russian non-proliferation measures to meet global security challenges (organized by the Permanent Missions of the Russian Federation and the United States)

The U.S. Secretary of Energy, Mr. Spencer Abraham, and the Minister of Atomic Energy of the Russian Federation, Mr. Alexander Rumyantsev, will co-host a meeting to address U.S.-Russian non-proliferation measures to meet global security challenges. The meeting will be held *today*, 5 November 2003, at 4 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

United Nations Administrative Tribunal

The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will hold closed meetings *today*, 5 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in room DC2-0461.

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Wednesday, 5 November 2003

Room S-226

11 a.m. H.E. Mr. Ismael Abraâao Gaspar Martins (Angola), President of the Security Council (on the programme of work of the Council)

Forthcoming official meetings

Thursday, 6 November 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

General Committee

10 a.m. Informal briefing[1] Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal briefing to hear Mr. Ibrahim Gambari, Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Africa, on the implementation of the New Agenda for Africa's Development (NEPAD)

Morning[2] 4th meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

Organization of work of the fifty-eighth regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items [8]: question of the Comorian Island of Mayotte

[1] Open to all delegations.

[2] Immediately following the adjournment of the informal briefing.

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Thursday, 6 November 2003, at 9.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on agenda item 84 (Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories) are kindly urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers as soon as possible (room S-2977; tel. 1 (212) 963-9223).

Second Committee

Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Globalization" on Monday, 10 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The meeting will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Iftekhar Chowdhury (Bangladesh), Chairman of the Second Committee. Presentations will be made by Professor Paul Krugman, School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University; and Professor Jagdish Bhagwati, Arthur Lehman Professor of Economics, Columbia University. Dr. Manuel Orozco, Project Director of Central America for the Inter-American Dialogue; and Mr. Jean Pierre Ouedraogo, Ligue des Consommateurs du Burkina Faso, will also make presentations.

Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of accredited non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information please contact the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-4201; or e-mail ecosocinfo@un.org).

Informal "informals"

There will be informal "informals" of the Second Committee on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.10, A/C.2/58/L.7, A/C.2/58/L.15, A/C.2/58/L.8 and A/C.2/58/L.12, organized by the Permanent Mission of Croatia, on Thursday, 6 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

There will be informal "informals" of the Second Committee on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.9, A/C.2/58/L.11, A/C.2/58/L.14 and A/C.2/58/L.13, organized by the Permanent Mission of Croatia, on Thursday, 6 November 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Room C-209A.

Third Committee

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee, as follows:

Under agenda item 117:

Monday, 10 November 2003, at 3 p.m.: Ms. Hina Jilani (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Human Rights Defenders); Mr. Peter Leuprecht (Special Representative of the Secretary-General for human rights in Cambodia); and Ms. Gabriela Rodríguez Pizarro (Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants);

Tuesday, 11 November, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Abdelfattah Amor (Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief); Mr. Theo van Boven (Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment); and Mr. Francis Deng (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on internally displaced persons); *at 3 p.m.*: Mr. Jean Ziegler (Special Rapporteur on the right to food); Mr. Paul Hunt (Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health); and Ms. Yakin Ertürk (Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences); and

Wednesday, 12 November, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Paulo Sérgio Pinheiro (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar); Ms. Marie-Thérèse Aïssata Kéita-Bocoum (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi); and Ms. Iulia Motoc (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo); *at 3 p.m.*: Mr. Andreas Mavrommatis (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iraq); and Mr. John Dugard (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967).

Following the introduction of each of these reports, the floor will be open to members of the Committee for dialogue, questions and comments. All interested members of the Committee are invited to participate.

Disarmament Commission

The 2003 organizational session of the Disarmament Commission will be held on Thursday, 6 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. All Member States are invited to attend.

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Informal consultations under agenda item 47 (Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS)

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS" (agenda item 47), organized under the auspices of the Office of the President of the General Assembly and facilitated by H.E. Mr. Denis Dangue Réwaka, Permanent Representative of Gabon to the United Nations, on Thursday, 6 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 9; and on Friday, 7 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on agenda item 52 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 52 (b) (Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Friday, 7 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board
Extraordinary budget session for 2003

The extraordinary budget session of the Executive Board of UNICEF will take place on Monday and Tuesday, 1 and 2 December 2003, in Conference Room 2. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2003/14. Advance copies of the documents for the session are available on the UNICEF Web site (www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_15100.html).

Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (fax 1 (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, 21 November 2003.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Group of 77 *(on Second Committee issues)*

There will be meetings of the Group of 77 *(on Second Committee issues)* on Thursday, 6 November 2003, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7, and from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)" (A/C.2/58/L.4) (agenda item 98) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)" (A/C.2/58/L.4) (agenda item 98), organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil, on Thursday, 6 November 2003, and on Friday, 7 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on draft resolutions on the preparation for and observance of the International Year of the Family and on the importance of the guidance and the role of parents in the care, control and development of children (under agenda item 106) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Benin)

Informal consultations on draft resolutions on the preparation for and observance of the International Year of the Family and on the importance of the guidance and the role of parents in the care, control and development of children (under agenda item 106), organized by the Permanent Mission of Benin, will be held on Thursday, 6 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D; and on Friday, 7 November, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the incompatibility between democracy and racism (organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the incompatibility between democracy and racism, organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil, on Thursday, 6 November 2003, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Programme of Action for the International Year of Microcredit, 2005" (A/C.2/58/L.3) (agenda item 98) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Guatemala)

There will be informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Programme of Action for the International Year of Microcredit, 2005" (A/C.2/58/L.3) (agenda item 98), organized by the Permanent Mission of Guatemala, on Thursday, 6 November 2003, from 2 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on Human rights and Mass Exoduses (agenda item 117 (b)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Canada)

A meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on Human rights and Mass Exoduses (agenda item 117 (b)) (Third Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of Canada, will be held on Thursday, 6 November 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Rights of the child" (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union) and the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Rights of the child" (Third Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union) and the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, will be held on Thursday and Friday, 6 and 7 November 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Meeting of interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "Responding to global threats and challenges" (A/58/L.7) (agenda item 60) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

There will be a meeting of interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "Responding to global threats and challenges" (A/58/L.7) (agenda item 60), organized by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation, on Thursday, 6 November 2003, from 3.30 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards global partnership" (agenda item 46) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy)

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards global partnership" (agenda item 46), organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, on Friday, 7 November 2003, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 7.

Open-ended meeting on the follow-up mechanism of the International Conference of New or Restored Democracies

There will be an open-ended meeting on the follow-up mechanism of the International Conference of New or Restored Democracies, chaired by H.E. Mr. Luvsan Erdenechuluun, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mongolia, President of the Fifth International Conference of New or Restored Democracies, on Friday, 7 November 2003, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Human Rights

There will be a meeting of the Working Group on Human Rights of the Non-Aligned Movement on Friday, 7 November 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Symposia on population and development

The symposia on population and development, organized by the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States and the Office of the Permanent Observer of Partners in Population and Development to the United Nations, will continue at Headquarters, as follows:

Symposium III on "Empowerment of Women": Monday, 10 November 2003, from 3 to 5.30 p.m., in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium; and

Symposium IV on "Population and HIV/AIDS": Wednesday, 19 November, from 4 to 6 p.m., in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend [For further information: tel. 1 (212) 457-1828; e-mail rgarvey@ppdsec.org].

UNITAR Briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council. The briefing is intended primarily for representatives of those States that will be members of the Council in 2004. Depending on the availability of seats, delegates from other States may attend as observers. The briefing will be held on the following dates: Monday, 10 November 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 11 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 12 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; and Thursday, 13 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all States that will be members of the Security Council in 2004. The registration deadline is *today*, 5 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

JUSCANZ Group *(on Second Committee matters)*

There will be meetings of the JUSCANZ Group *(on Second Committee matters)* from 9 to 9.45 a.m., as follows: 11, 18 and 26 November 2003, in Conference Room 9; 2 December, in Conference Room 9; and 9 December, in Conference Room A.

JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)*

There will be meetings of the JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)* from 9 to 9.45 a.m., as follows: 11 November 2003, in Conference Room B; and from 17 to 21 November, in Conference Room D.

ILO briefing on international migration

Mr. Patrick Taran, ILO Senior Migration Specialist, will make a presentation on "International Labour Conference 2004: The Next World Conference on Migration – Governance, Rights and Regulation of International Migration", on Tuesday, 11 November 2003, from 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Ana Maria Hermoso (tel. 1 (212) 697-0150, ext. 106).

United Nations Development Programme

The second informal consultation on the *Human Development Report 2004* will be held on Monday, 17 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8.

There will be an informal consultation on the UNIFEM multi-year funding framework 2004-2007 on Tuesday, 18 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8.

Training session for all permanent missions in the use of Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) for United Nations activities

A training session for all permanent missions in the use of Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) for United Nations activities, organized by the Permanent Mission of Andorra, under the auspices of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics, will be held on Wednesday, 19 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8.

UNITAR Workshop Series on Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology

As part of the series on Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology, the third and final high-level seminar of this year on "Policy Awareness and Security Issues on Information Technology", organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), will be held on Friday, 21 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4. This interactive seminar is primarily aimed at ambassadors and other diplomats. However, all interested staff members as well as representatives of non-governmental organizations are welcome to attend.

This is the second year of the series, presented under the auspices of the ICT Task Force and the Working Group on Informatics, and implemented with the active participation and sponsorship of Intel Corporation. For further information please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684).

Announcements

Security Council

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Summary of meetings

Tuesday, 4 November 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

54th plenary meeting

Necessity of ending the econc . ·ic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba [29]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/58/287)

(b) Draft resolution (A/58/L.4)

Statements were made by the representative of Mexico, Morocco (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), China, Jamaica (on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)), Malaysia, the United States and Viet Nam.

H.E. Mr. Felipe Pérez Roque, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cuba, made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/58/L.4.

The General Assembly decided to close the list of speakers in the debate immediately.

Statements were made by the representatives of Namibia, South Africa, the United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, the Sudan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Guinea, Zambia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Myanmar, Zimbawe, the Syrian Arab Republic, Indonesia and the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

By 179 votes to 3, with 2 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/58/L.4 (resolution 58/7).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Italy (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Japan, Uruguay (on behalf of MERCOSUR), Australia, Belarus and Norway.

The representative of Cuba made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

The General assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 29.

55th plenary meeting

Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency . . . . . [14]

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (A/58/312)

(b) Draft resolution (A/58/L.10)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 14.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Czech Republic, Ukraine, Ghana, Malaysia, China, Australia, Mexico, the United States, Indonesia, India, the Sudan and Uruguay (on behalf of MERCOSUR).

The representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea made a statement in explanation of the vote before the vote.

By 129 votes to 1, with 0 abstention (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/58/L.10 (resolution 57/8).

The representative of Japan made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 14.

The situation in Central America: progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development: reports of the Secretary-General (A/58/262, A/58/267 and A/58/270) . . . . . [26]

Statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica (on behalf of the Central American countries), Italy (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), Mexico, Guatemala, Canada, Norway, Nicaragua and El Salvador.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 26.

Main Committees

First Committee

21st meeting

The Committee continued its third phase of work, namely, action on all draft resolutions/decisions submitted under disarmament and international security agenda items (items 62-80).

The Chairman made a statement.

A statement was made by the representative of Spain.

In explanation of vote before the vote, the representatives of Germany and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea made statements.

Draft resolution A/C.1/58/11 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.39/Rev.1 was adopted by a recorded vote of 118 to 4, with 41 abstentions.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.40/Rev.1 was adopted as follows: preambular paragraph 20 was adopted by a recorded vote of 117 to 6, with 39 abstentions; and draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.40/Rev.1 as a whole was adopted by a recorded vote of 121 to 6, with 38 abstentions.

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Canada, Spain, Italy (on behalf of the European Union), the United States, India, China, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, Colombia, Japan, Pakistan and Australia.

The representative of the Central African Republic made a statement

In explanation of vote before the vote statements were made by the representatives of India, Argentina and the United States.

Draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.18/Rev.1 was adopted by a recorded vote of 68 to 47, with 34 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.54/Rev.1 was adopted without a vote.

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Italy (on behalf of the European Union), Brazil, Nigeria and Kazakhstan.

The representatives of Pakistan and India made statements.

The representative of Malaysia made a statement.

The Chairman of the Committee made a statement.

Third Committee

32nd meeting

Advancement of Women [110]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.17/Rev.1

The representative of the United States introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Canada, the Central African Republic, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, the Marshall islands, Mexico, Morocco, Panama, Papua New Guinea, the Republic of Korea, Romania, Senegal, Thailand, Timor-Leste and the United Republic of Tanzania.

Cameroon, Cape Verde, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ghana, Malawi, Peru, the Russian Federation, Serbia and Montenegro, Togo and Turkey joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [113]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/58/L.29

The representative of Italy introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document.

Belarus, Belize, Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, the Central African Republic, the Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ghana, Iceland, Malawi, Monaco, Mozambique, the Niger, South Africa, Swaziland, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine and Viet Nam joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions . . . . [112]

The Committee continued its general discussion of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Japan, Croatia, the Republic of Korea, Zambia, the Republic of Tanzania, India, Algeria and Serbia and Montenegro.

The observer for the Holy See also made a statement.

Fifth Committee

15th meeting

United Nations common system (A/58/30) [126]

The Committee continued its general discussion of this agenda item and heard statements by the representatives of Canada (on behalf of Australia, New Zealand and Canada), the United States, the Russian Federation, China and Sierra Leone.

Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [120]

The Committee continued its consideration of this agenda item.

Salary and retirement allowance of the Secretary-General and salary and pensionable remuneration of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the report of that Committee (A/58/7/Add.3).

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of Australia, South Africa, Brazil, Nigeria and Sierra Leone

The Chairman also made a statement.

Sixth Committee

21st meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-fifth session [152]

The Committee continued its consideration of the agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Romania, the United States, Hungary, Portugal, Malaysia, New Zealand (on behalf of the Pacific Islands Forum Group), Venezuela, Sierra Leone, Austria, Kenya, India, Peru, Mexico and Brazil.

The Chairman of the International Law Commission made some concluding remarks.

The Committee thus concluded its debate on agenda item 152.

Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property . . . . . [150]

The Committee continued its consideration of the agenda item. Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Norway, Poland and Portugal joined as sponsors of draft resolution A/C.6/58/L.20.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement on the budgetary implications of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution A/C.6/58/L.20, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 150.

Measures to eliminate international terrorism . . . . . [156]

The Chairman of the Committee made a statement.

Scope of legal protection under the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel . . . . . [157]

The Committee continued its consideration of the agenda item. Samoa joined as a sponsor of draft resolution A/C.6/58/L.22.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement on the budgetary implications of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/58/L.22, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 157.

Progressive development of the principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order [148]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 148. The Chairman of the Committee, on behalf of the Bureau, introduced draft decision A/C.6/58/L.24.

The Committee adopted draft decision A/C.6/58/L.24, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 148.

United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law [149]

The Committee began its consideration of agenda item 149.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on the Programme of Assistance introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/58/446) and draft resolution A/C.6/58/L.13.

Statements were made by the representatives of Bahrain, Thailand, the United Republic of Tanzania, Malaysia, Grenada, Cyprus and Mexico.

The observer of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies also spoke.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A.C.6/58/L.13, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 149.

2003 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities

1st meeting

Opening of the Pledging Conference

The Assistant Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs opened the 2003 Pledging Conference for Development Activities and read out a statement, on behalf of the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Election of the President

The Assistant Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs invited the Conference to proceed to the election of the President.

H.E. Mr. Agim Nesho (Albania) was elected, by acclamation, as President of the 2003 Conference.

The President made a statement.

Election of Vice-Presidents

H.E. Mr. Joe Robert Pemagbi (Sierra Leone), H.E. Mr. Radzi Abdul Rahman (Malaysia) and H.E. Mr. Bruno Stagno (Costa Rica) were elected as Vice-Presidents of the 2003 Conference.

Statements regarding the pledges

Statements were made and pledges announced by members of the Conference.

Adoption of the report

The Conference adopted its draft report contained in document A/CONF.204/L.1.

Closure of the Conference

The Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund made a concluding statement.

Concluding statements were also made by the representative of the United Nations Development Programme, on behalf of the Administrator, and by the representative of the United Nations Children's Fund, on behalf of the Executive Director.

The President declared the Pledging Conference closed.

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

Human Rights Committee
Seventy-ninth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

Tuesday, 4 November 2003

2159th meeting (closed)

The Committee adopted the concluding observations on the fifth periodic report of the Russian Federation.

2160th meeting (closed)

The Committee adopted the provisional concluding observations on Equatorial Guinea (non-reporting State party).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees. New York, 31 January 1967

Accession: Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (3 November 2003)[1]

Amendments to articles 24 and 25 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. Geneva, 16 May 1998

Acceptance: Philippines (4 November 2003)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

United Nations Convention Against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Opening for signature

The above Convention was adopted on 31 October 2003, during the plenary meeting of the General Assembly at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The Convention will be open for signature from 9 to 11 December 2003 at the "Centro de Convenciones y Exposiciones Yucatán Siglo XXI" in Mérida, Mexico, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 9 December 2005 by all States and by regional economic integration organizations, provided that at least one Member State of such organization is a signatory to the Convention.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in the possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers by *4 December 2003* to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org). Original instruments of full powers should be provided to the depositary representative at the signature ceremony.

Other announcements

DPI/NGO briefing

This week, the topic of the DPI/NGO briefing will be "After Cancún: New Opportunities?" The briefing will be held on Thursday, 6 November 2003, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Tala Dowlatshahi, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-1859).

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Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on 4 November 2003.

Symbol	Main title
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	Fifty-eighth session
A/58/6/(Sect. 13)/Add.1	Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 — Part IV — International cooperation for development — Section 13 — International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO — (Programme 9 of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005) [A C E F R S]

A/58/7/Add.7	Item 121 — Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 — Section 13 — International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO — Eighth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]
A/58/380	Item 119 (b) of the provisional agenda — Human rights questions: human rights questions including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — Human rights defenders — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/58/381	Item 138 — Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo — Budget for the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo for the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004 — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/58/394	Item 100 — Globalization and interdependence — Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/58/447	Item 138 — Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo — Proposed budget for the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo for the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004 — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]
A/58/439	Item 119 of the agenda — Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations — United Nations system common services at Geneva — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/58/526	Item 39 (a) — New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support — Letter dated 20 October 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Japan addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/58/543	Item 108 — Crime prevention and criminal justice — United Nations Convention against Corruption — Programme budget implications of the draft resolution contained in the report of the Ad Hoc Committee for the Negotiation of a Convention against Corruption on the work of its first to seventh sessions (A/58/422) — Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
A/58/540	Item 110 —Advancement of women — Report of the Working Group on the future operation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women [A C E F R S]
A/58/545	Item 166 — Admission of the International Criminal Court to membership in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]

First Committee

A/C.1/58/L.15/Rev.1	Item 73 — General and complete disarmament — 39-Power revised draft resolution — Improving the effectiveness of the methods of work of the First Committee [A C E F R S]
A/C.1/58/INF/1Add.1	Documents of the First Committee — Note by the Secretariat [A C E F R S]

A/C.1/58/INF/2/Add.5	Information note by the Secretariat — Additional co-sponsors of draft resolutions/decisions [E (only)]
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	Third Committee
A/C.3/58/L.17/Rev.1	Item 110 — Advancement of women — 32-Power revised draft resolution — Women and political participation [A C E F R S]
A/C.3/58/L.29	Item 113 — Promotion and protection of the rights of children — 50-Power draft resolution — Rights of the child [A C E F R S]
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	Sixth Committee
A/C.6/58/L.21	Item 155 — Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization — Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.6/58/L.18 — Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
A/C.6/58/L.23	Item 153 — Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country — 5-Power draft decision [A C E F R S]
	Disarmament Commission
	Organizational Session
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A/CN.10/L.55	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
	2002 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities
A/CONF.200/2	Contributions pledged or paid at the 2002 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities as at 30 June 2003 — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
	2003 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities
A/CONF.204/L.1	Draft report of the 2003 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities [A C E F R S]

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S/2003/1051	Letter dated 22 October 2003 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

S/2003/1052 Letter dated 28 October 2003 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

S/2003/1056 Letter dated 31 October 2003 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women

Documents

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

CEDAW/C/KWT/1-2 Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under Article 18 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women — Combined initial and second periodic reports of States parties — Kuwait [A C E F R S]

Communications to the Editor

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UNMIL

Liberia (sanctions review)

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General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

General Committee

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Informal briefing to hear Mr. Ibrahim Gambari, Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Africa, on the implementation of the New Agenda for Africa's Development (NEPAD)

Morning[2] 4th meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Organization of work of the fifty-eighth regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items [8]: question of the Comorian Island of Mayotte

11.30 a.m. 58th plenary meeting . . . . . *General Assembly Hall*

1. Assistance in mine action: report of the Secretary-General (A/58/260 and A/58/260/Add.1) . . . . . [22]
2. Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies: report of the Secretary-General (A/58/392) [20]

[1] Open to all delegations.

[2] Immediately following the adjournment of the informal briefing.

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Main Committees

First Committee

3–4.30 p.m. 23rd meeting Conference Room 2

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under all disarmament and international security agenda items (items 62-80):

Documents of the First Committee: *item 73* (A/58/117, A/58/117/Add.1, A/58/117/Add.2, A/58/129, A/58/129/Add.1, A/58/130, A/58/138, A/58/162, A/58/162/Add.1, A/58/176, A/58/176/Add.1, A/58/207, A/58/208, A/58/208/Add.1, A/58/406, A/58/848, A/C.1/58/4, A/C.1/58/L.1/Rev.1, A/C.1/58/L.56) (other documents: A/C.1/58/1, A/C.1/58/2, A/C.1/58/3, A/C.1/58/3/Add.1, A/C.1/58/INF.1, A/C.1/58/INF.1/Add.1, A/C.1/58/INF.2, A/C.1/58/INF.2*, A/C.1/58/INF.2/Add.1, A/C.1/58/INF.2/Add.2, A/C.1/58/INF.2/Add.3, A/C.1/58/INF.2/Add.4, A/C.1/58/INF.2/Add.5, A/C.1/58/INF.2/Add.6 and A/C.1/58/INF.2/Add.7)

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 20th meeting Conference Room 2

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories (A/58/155, A/58/156, A/58/263, A/58/264, A/58/310, A/58/311, A/C.4/58/L.17, A/C.4/58/L.18, A/C.4/58/L.19, A/C.4/58/L.20 and A/C.4/58/L.21) [84]

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   (e) International strategy for disaster reduction

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3. Macroeconomic policy questions [91]

   (a) International trade and development (A/58/15 (Part I), A/58/15 (Part II), A/58/15 (Part III), A/58/15 (Part IV), A/58/15 (Part V), A/58/154, A/58/204, A/58/301, A/58/414 and A/C.2/58/9)

(g) Commodities (A/58/204 and A/58/401)

Continuation and conclusion of the general debate

4. Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and of the twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly (A/58/8 (Suppl. No. 8), A/58/178 and A/58/204) [101]

Introduction and general discussion

Morning[1]–1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 4

Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Ms. Ulrika Cronenberg-Mossberg (Sweden) on: A/C.2/58/L.23 (item 12); A/C.2/58/L.27 (item 93 (a)); and A/C.2/58/L.24 (item 97 (b))

Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Ms. Irena Zubčevic (Croatia) on: A/C.2/58/L.26 (item 94 (a)); and A/C.2/58/L.25 (item 94 (e))

3–4.30 p.m. 28th meeting Conference Room 4

Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (A/58/86-E/2003/81, A/58/436 and A/58/437) [102]

Introduction and general discussion

[1] Following the adjournment of the 27th meeting of the Second Committee.

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 34th meeting Conference Room 1

1. Advancement of Women [110]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/58/L.17/Rev.1, A/C.3/58/L.17/Rev.1/Corr.1 and A/C.3/58/L.18

2. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [106]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.11

3. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [113]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.24

3 p.m. 35th meeting Conference Room 1

Human rights questions [117]

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments (A/58/326, A/58/350, A/58/221, A/58/307, A/58/40 (Suppl.), A/58/44 (Suppl.), A/58/306, A/58/284 and A/58/120)

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

Introductory statement and general discussion

Fifth Committee

9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
2.30–4.45 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005: Part I Overall policy-making, direction and coordination (A/58/6 (Sect. 2)); Part II Political affairs (A/58/6 (Sect. 3), (A/58/6 (Sect. 3)/Corr.1, A/58/6 (Sect. 4), A/58/6 (Sect. 5) and A/58/6 (Sect. 6)); and Part III International justice and law (A/58/6 (Sect. 7), A/58/6 (Sect. 8), A/58/6/Corr.1, A/58/7, A/58/7/Corr.1 and A/58/16))	

Sixth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 3
	Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-fifth session (A/58/10)	[152]
	Action on draft resolution A/C.6/58/L.25	
	Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization (A/58/33, A/58/346, A/58/347 and A/C.6/58/L.21)	[155]
	Action on draft resolutions A/C.6/58/L.17 and A/C.6/58/L.18	
	International convention against the reproductive cloning of human beings (A/58/73 and A/C.6/58/L.9)	[158]
	Action on draft resolutions A/C.6/58/L.2 and A/C.6/58/L.8	
	Election of the officers of the Main Committees	[5]

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
	1. Draft reports	
	2. United Nations Institute for Training and Research	

Disarmament Commission
2003 organizational session

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	256th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Second Committee *Informal "informals"*

There will be informal "informals" of the Second Committee on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.10, A/C.2/58/L.7, A/C.2/58/L.15, A/C.2/58/L.8 and A/C.2/58/L.12, organized by the Permanent Mission of Croatia, *today*, 6 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

There will be informal "informals" of the Second Committee on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.9, A/C.2/58/L.11, A/C.2/58/L.14 and A/C.2/58/L.13, organized by the Permanent Mission of Croatia, *today*, 6 November 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Room C-209A.

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Informal consultations under agenda item 47 (Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS)

10 a.m.–12 noon Informal consultations Conference Room 9

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS" (agenda item 47), organized under the auspices of the Office of the President of the General Assembly and facilitated by H.E. Mr. Denis Dangue Rewaka, Permanent Representative of Gabon to the United Nations.

Other meetings

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Thursday, 6 November 2003

Group of 77 *(Second Committee: partnerships, water, and sustainable mountain development issues)*

9.15–10 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

Group of 77 *(Second Committee: agenda item 102, and draft resolution on microcredit)*

11.15 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

Group of 77 *(Second Committee: agenda item 94 (a))*

2–3 p.m. Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

Group of 77 *(briefing by the Chairman of the G-77 Chamber of Commerce and Industry)*

2–3 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

Group of 77 *(Fifth Committee matters)*

5.15–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Disarmament

9.15–10.15 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Non-Aligned Movement *(on the draft resolution related to the question of Palestine) (at the experts level)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)" (A/C.2/58/L.4) (agenda item 98) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Informal consultations Conference Room A

Informal consultations on draft resolutions on the preparation for and observance of the International Year of the Family and on the importance of the guidance and the role of parents in the care, control and development of children (under agenda item 106) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Benin)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Informal consultations Conference Room D

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the incompatibility between democracy and racism (organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Informal consultations Conference Room C

Arab Group *(at the ambassadorial level)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on elimination of all forms of religious intolerance (agenda item 117 (b)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Ireland)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 1

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Programme of Action for the International Year of Microcredit, 2005" (A/C.2/58/L.3) (agenda item 98) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Guatemala)

2–5 p.m. Informal consultations Conference Room 3

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on Human rights and Mass Exoduses (agenda item 117 (b)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Canada)

3–6 p.m. Informal consultations Conference Room 6

Meeting of interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "Responding to global threats and challenges" (A/58/L.7) (agenda item 60) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

3.30–5 p.m. Informal consultations Conference Room 7

UNITAR briefing on "Developments in Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea"

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea of the Office of Legal Affairs are jointly organizing a briefing on "Developments in Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea". The briefing, to be conducted in English, will continue *today*, 6 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 963-9196).

United Nations Administrative Tribunal

The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will hold closed meetings *today*, 6 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in room DC2-0461.

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Thursday, 6 November 2003

Room S-226

10.30 a.m. . . . . Mr. R.E. Turner, Chairman of the United Nations Foundation (UNF); and Mr. Timothy E. Wirth, President of the Foundation (to brief on the Foundation's Board of Directors meeting and to introduce new initiatives)

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Fifth Committee The Fifth Committee will hold its 17th meeting on Friday, 7 November 2003, at 9.30 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall. Informal consultations (closed) will also be held at 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Second Committee

Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Globalization" on Monday, 10 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The meeting will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Iftekhar Chowdhury (Bangladesh), Chairman of the Second Committee. Presentations will be made by Professor Paul Krugman, School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University; Professor Jagdish Bhagwati, Arthur Lehman Professor of Economics, Columbia University; Dr. Manuel Orozco, Project Director of Central America for the Inter-American Dialogue; and Mr. Jean Pierre Ouedraogo, Ligue des Consommateurs du Burkina Faso.

Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of accredited non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information please contact the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-4201; or e-mail ecosocinfo@un.org).

Third Committee

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee, as follows:

Under agenda item 117:

Monday, 10 November 2003, at 3 p.m.: Ms. Hina Jilani (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Human Rights Defenders); Mr. Peter Leuprecht (Special Representative of the Secretary-General for human rights in Cambodia); and Ms. Gabriela Rodriguez Pizarro (Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants);

Tuesday, 11 November, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Abdelfattah Amor (Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief); Mr. Theo van Boven (Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment); and Mr. Francis Deng (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on internally displaced persons); *at 3 p.m.*: Mr. Jean Ziegler (Special Rapporteur on the right to food); Mr. Paul Hunt (Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health); and Ms. Yakin Ertürk (Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences); and

Wednesday, 12 November, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Paulo Sérgio Pinheiro (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar); Ms. Marie-Thérèse Aïssata Kéïta-Bocoum (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi); and Ms. Iulia Motoc (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo); *at 3 p.m.*: Mr. Andreas Mavrommatis (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iraq); and Mr. John Dugard (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967).

Following the introduction of each of these reports, the floor will be open to members of the Committee for dialogue, questions and comments. All interested members of the Committee are invited to participate.

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Informal consultations on agenda item 40 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations (closed) on draft proposals under agenda item 40, chaired by H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Hoscheit (Luxembourg), will be held on Friday, 7 November 2003, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Informal consultations under agenda item 47 (Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS)

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS" (agenda item 47), organized under the auspices of the Office of the President of the General Assembly and facilitated by H.E. Mr. Denis Dangue Réwaka, Permanent Representative of Gabon to the United Nations, on Friday, 7 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on agenda item 52 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 52 (b) (Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Friday, 7 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

The 275th meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held on Tuesday, 11 November 2003, at 10.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Extraordinary budget session for 2003

The extraordinary budget session of the Executive Board of UNICEF will take place on Monday and Tuesday, 1 and 2 December 2003, in Conference Room 2. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2003/14. Advance copies of the documents for the session are available on the UNICEF Web site (www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_15100.html).

Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (fax 1 (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, 21 November 2003.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)" (A/C.2/58/L.4) (agenda item 98) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)" (A/C.2/58/L.4) (agenda item 98), organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil, on Friday, 7 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "External debt crisis and development" (A/C.2/58/L.18) (agenda item 91(e)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Guatemala)

There will be informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "External debt crisis and development" (A/C.2/58/L.18) (agenda item 91(e)), organized by the Permanent Mission of Guatemala, on Friday, 7 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Room C-209A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards global partnership" (agenda item 46) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy)

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards global partnership" (agenda item 46), organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, on Friday, 7 November 2003, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 7.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds and assets of illicit origin and returning such funds and assets to the countries of origin" (A/C.2/58/L.2) (agenda item 92) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Portugal)

There will be informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds and assets of illicit origin and returning such funds and assets to the countries of origin" (A/C.2/58/L.2) (agenda item 92), organized by the Permanent Mission of Portugal, on Friday, 7 November 2003, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Open-ended meeting of the follow-up mechanism of the International Conference of New or Restored Democracies

There will be an open-ended meeting of the follow-up mechanism of the International Conference of New or Restored Democracies, chaired by H.E. Mr. Luvsan Erdenechuluun, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mongolia, President of the Fifth International Conference of New or Restored Democracies, on Friday, 7 November 2003, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Informal consultations on draft resolutions on the preparation for and observance of the International Year of the Family and on the importance of the guidance and the role of parents in the care, control and development of children (under agenda item 106) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Benin)

Informal consultations on draft resolutions on the preparation for and observance of the International Year of the Family and on the importance of the guidance and the role of parents in the care, control and development of children (under agenda item 106), organized by the Permanent Mission of Benin, will be held on Friday, 7 November 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations with interested delegations on the date of the meeting of the United Nations Forum on Forests ad hoc expert group on consideration with a view to recommending the parameters of a mandate for developing a legal framework on all types of forests

There will be informal "informal" consultations with interested delegations on the date of the meeting of the United Nations Forum on Forests ad hoc expert group on consideration with a view to recommending the parameters of a mandate for developing a legal framework on all types of forests, on Friday, 7 November 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on the Decade of the Education for Sustainable Development (agenda item 96) (Second Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Japan)

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on the Decade of the Education for Sustainable Development (agenda item 96) (Second Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of Japan, will be held on Friday, 7 November 2003, from 5 to 6.15 p.m., in Conference Room E.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the right to development (agenda item 117 (b)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Malaysia)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the right to development (agenda item 117 (b)) (Third Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of Malaysia, on Friday, 7 November 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health", organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil, will be held on Friday, 7 November 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Rights of the child" (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union) and the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Rights of the child" (Third Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union) and the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, will be held on Friday, 7 November 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Dialogue with Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Human Rights Defenders

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), in cooperation with the International Service for Human Rights, will hold a dialogue with the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Human Rights Defenders, Ms. Hina Jilani, on Monday, 10 November 2003, from 1 to 2.15 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Kindly refer to document A/58/380 for Ms. Jilani's latest report to the General Assembly. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Symposia on population and development

The symposia on population and development, organized by the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States and the Office of the Permanent Observer of Partners in Population and Development to the United Nations, will continue at Headquarters, as follows:

Symposium III on "Empowerment of Women": Monday, 10 November 2003, from 3 to 5.30 p.m., in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium; and

Symposium IV on "Population and HIV/AIDS": Wednesday, 19 November, from 4 to 6 p.m., in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend [For further information: tel. 1 (212) 457-1828; e-mail rgarvey@ppdsec.org].

UNITAR Briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council. The briefing is intended primarily for representatives of those States that will be members of the Council in 2004. Depending on the availability of seats, delegates from other States may attend as observers. The briefing will be held on the following dates: Monday, 10 November 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 11 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 12 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; and Thursday, 13 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

JUSCANZ Group *(on Second Committee matters)*

There will be meetings of the JUSCANZ Group *(on Second Committee matters)* from 9 to 9.45 a.m., as follows: 11, 18 and 26 November 2003, in Conference Room 9; 2 December, in Conference Room 9; and 9 December, in Conference Room A.

JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)*

There will be meetings of the JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)* from 9 to 9.45 a.m., as follows: 11 November 2003, in Conference Room B; and from 17 to 21 November, in Conference Room D.

ILO briefing on international migration

Mr. Patrick Taran, ILO Senior Migration Specialist, will make a presentation on "International Labour Conference 2004: The Next World Conference on Migration – Governance, Rights and Regulation of International Migration", on Tuesday, 11 November 2003, from 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Ana Maria Hermoso (tel. 1 (212) 697-0150, ext. 106).

Seminar on "Improving the Role of the United Nations in Environmental Governance – National and Regional Approaches" (organized by the New York Office of the United Nations University)

There will be a seminar on "Improving the Role of the United Nations in Environmental Governance – National and Regional Approaches", organized by the New York Office of the United Nations University, on Friday, 14 November 2003, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the UNU New York Office (Web site www.ony.unu.edu; email unuona@ony.unu.edu; or tel. 1 (212) 963 6387) [Registration on line at www.ony.unu.edu/unuseminarregistration.htm].

United Nations Development Programme

The second informal consultation on the *Human Development Report 2004* will be held on Monday, 17 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8.

There will be an informal consultation on the UNIFEM multi-year funding framework 2004-2007 on Tuesday, 18 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8.

Training session for all permanent missions in the use of Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) for United Nations activities

A training session for all permanent missions in the use of Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) for United Nations activities, organized by the Permanent Mission of Andorra, under the auspices of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics, will be held on Wednesday, 19 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8.

UNITAR Workshop Series on Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology

As part of the series on Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology, the third and final high-level seminar of this year on "Policy Awareness and Security Issues on Information Technology", organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), will be held on Friday, 21 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4. This interactive seminar is primarily aimed at ambassadors and other diplomats. However, all interested staff members as well as representatives of non-governmental organizations are welcome to attend.

This is the second year of the series, presented under the auspices of the ICT Task Force and the Working Group on Informatics, and implemented with the active participation and sponsorship of Intel Corporation. For further information please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684).

Announcements

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from *today*, 6 November 2003, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Summary of meetings

Wednesday, 5 November 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

56th plenary meeting

Global road safety crisis: draft resolution (A/58/L.3/Rev.1) [160]

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/58/L.3/Rev.1 (resolution 58/9).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 160.

Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic [27]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/58/265)

(b) Draft resolution (A/58/L.12)

The representative of Argentina, also on behalf of Angola, Benin, Brazil, Cape Verde, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Gabon, Ghana, Liberia, Namibia, Sierra Leone, Togo and Uruguay, made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/58/L.12.

The representative of Nigeria made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/58/L.12 (resolution 58/10).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 27.

Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) [32]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of this item and to include it in the provisional agenda of the fifty-ninth session.

Assistance in the mine action: reports of the Secretary-General (A/58/260 and A/58/260/Add.1) [22]

Statements were made by the representatives of Italy (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), Peru, Norway, Australia, Switzerland, Tunisia, Kenya, Ukraine, Japan, Canada, the Republic of Korea, Lebanon, Belarus and New Zealand, as well as by H.E. Mr. Muhammad Nasir Khan, Minister for Health of Pakistan, and the representatives of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Nicaragua (on behalf of the Central American States).

The representatives of Israel and Lebanon made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

57th plenary meeting

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of a member of the Joint Inspection Unit: note by the Secretary-General (A/58/108) [17 (h)]

Since there were two candidates for one vacancy from among the Asian States, the General Assembly proceeded to select by secret ballot one State from the Asian States that, in accordance with article 3, paragraph 1, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, would be requested to propose a candidate for appointment to the Joint Inspection Unit.

The results of the first round of balloting were as follows:

	Votes
Japan	101
Pakistan	82

On the first round of balloting Japan was selected to be requested to propose a candidate for appointment to the Joint Inspection Unit.

The President announced that he would propose a candidate for appointment to the Joint Inspection Unit after holding the consultations in accordance with article 3, paragraph 2, of the Statute of the Joint Inspection Unit.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (h) of agenda item 17.

Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new restored democracies: report of the Secretary-General (A/58/392) [20]

Statements were made by H.E. Mr. Erdenechuluun Luvsan, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mongolia and President of the Fifth International Conference on New and Restored Democracies, as well as by the representatives of Qatar, Benin, Peru (on behalf of the Rio Group), Italy (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), Malaysia, Kenya, Bangladesh, Yemen, Nicaragua, the Philippines, Thailand, Kazahkstan and Cuba.

Main Committees

First Committee

22nd meeting

The Committee continued its third phase of work, namely, action on all draft resolutions/decisions submitted under disarmament and international security agenda items (items 62-80).

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Thailand, Italy (on behalf of the European Union), Côte d'Ivoire, Pakistan and Gabon.

In explanation of vote before the vote the representatives of India and Pakistan made statements.

Draft resolution A/C.1/58/15/Rev.1 was adopted without a vote.

Draft decision A/C.1/58/L.61 was adopted without a vote.

In explanation of vote after the vote, the representatives of Cuba, Brazil and the Islamic Republic of Iran made statements.

Draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.26/Rev.1 was adopted by a recorded vote of 104 to 10, with 44 abstentions.

In explanation of vote after the vote, the representatives of Switzerland, Italy (on behalf of the European Union), Canada and Australia made statements.

The representatives of Cuba, South Africa, Haiti and the United States made statements.

The Chairman of the Committee made a statement.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

19th meeting

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [84]

The Committee began its general debate on this agenda item with introduction of the report (A/58/310) by the representative of Sri Lanka, Chairman of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories.

The Committee then heard statements from the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Lebanon, Jordan, Bangladesh, the United Arab Emirates, Algeria, Egypt, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Indonesia, Tunisia, Qatar, the United States and the Sudan.

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to close its list of speakers in the general debate on item 84 on the same day, at 6 p.m.

Second Committee

25th meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions [91]

(a) International trade and development

(g) Commodities

The Committee continued its consideration of sub-items 91 (a) and (g), and heard statements by the representatives of Benin, Croatia, Thailand, Mozambique and Burkina Faso.

The observer for the Holy See made a statement.

26th meeting

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.23

The representative of Morocco introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China and Mexico.

Operational activities for development [97]

(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.24

The representative of Morocco introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Macroeconomic policy questions [91]

(a) International trade and development

(g) Commodities

The Committee continued its consideration of sub-items 91 (a) and (g) and heard statements by the representatives of the Republic of the Congo, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Guyana (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Mali, Belarus, the United States, Singapore (on behalf of ASEAN), Uruguay (on behalf of MERCOSUR), Belize and Indonesia.

Third Committee

33rd meeting

The summary of the 33rd meeting of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2003/215).

Fifth Committee

16th meeting

United Nations common system (A/58/30) [126]

The Committee continued its general discussion of this agenda item and heard statements by the representatives Japan and Nigeria.

The Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission replied to questions raised.

The Chairman announced that the Committee would conclude its general discussion on this item on Monday, 10 November 2003, in the morning.

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 [121]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Report of the Secretary-General on the proposed programme budget for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO for the biennium 2004-2005

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division introduced the reports of the Secretary-General (A/58/6 (Sect. 13) and A/58/6 (Sect. 13)/Add.1).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/58/7/Add.7).

In the absence of speakers, the Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [120]

Salary and retirement allowance of the Secretary-General and salary and pensionable remuneration of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (A/58/7/Add.3)

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/58/7/Add.3).

In the absence of speakers, the Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin on Monday, 10 November 2003, in the afternoon, under the chairmanship of Mr. Guillermo Kendal (Argentina).

Admission of the International Criminal Court to membership in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund [166]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund introduced the note by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/58/13).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/58/545).

In the absence of speakers, the Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this item would begin on Monday, 10 November 2003, in the afternoon, under the chairmanship of Mr. Guillermo Kendal (Argentina).

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Sixth Committee

22nd meeting

Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country [153]

The Committee began its consideration of agenda item 153.

The Chairman of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/58/26) and the draft resolution contained in document A/C.6/58/L.23.

Statements were made by the representatives of Malaysia, Italy (on behalf of the European Union), Cuba, Sierra Leone and the United States.

It was announced that Spain had joined the list of sponsors for draft resolution A/C.6/58/L.23.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/58/L.23, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the item.

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [156]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 156.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement on the budgetary implications of draft resolution A/C.6/58/L.19.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/58/L.19, as orally revised at its 20th meeting, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the item.

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

Human Rights Committee
Seventy-ninth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

Wednesday, 5 November 2003

2161st meeting (closed)

The Committee adopted the concluding observations on Equatorial Guinea (non-reporting State party).

2162nd meeting (closed)

The Committee adopted the provisional concluding observations on the second periodic report of Latvia.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Convention against the taking of hostages. New York, 17 December 1979

Ratification: Uganda (5 November 2003)[1]

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents. New York, 14 December 1973

Accession: Uganda (5 November 2003)[1]

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Ratification: Uganda (5 November 2003)[1]

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Ratification: Uganda (5 November 2003)[1]

United Nations Convention Against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Opening for signature

The above Convention was adopted on 31 October 2003, during the plenary meeting of the General Assembly at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The Convention will be open for signature from 9 to 11 December 2003 at the "Centro de Convenciones y Exposiciones Yucatán Siglo XXI" in Mérida, Mexico, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 9 December 2005 by all States and by regional economic integration organizations, provided that at least one Member State of such organization is a signatory to the Convention.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in the possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers by *4 December 2003* to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org). Original instruments of full powers should be provided to the depositary representative at the signature ceremony.

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Other announcements

DPI/NGO briefing

This week, the topic of the DPI/NGO briefing will be "After Cancún: New Opportunities?" The briefing will be held *today*, 6 November 2003, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Tala Dowlatshahi, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-1859).

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Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

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A/58/PV.20	Meeting held on 1 October 2003, 3 p.m. [E]
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A/58/430	Item 25 — University for Peace — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/58/480	Item 19 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Chapters of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to specific Territories not covered by other agenda items — Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) [A C E F R S]
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A/58/L.2/Add.1	Item 23 (b) — Sport for peace and development: International Year of Sport and Physical Education — 85-Power draft resolution — Sport as a means to promote education, health, development and peace [A C E F R S]
A/58/L.9/Add.1	Item 23 (a) — Sport for peace and development: building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal — 162-Power draft resolution [A C E F R S]

A/58/L.13 Item 44 — Culture of peace — Philippines: draft resolution — Interreligious dialogue and cooperation [A C E F R S]

First Committee

A/C.1/58/L.26/Rev.1 Item 73 (f) — General and complete disarmament: promotion of multilateralism in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation — Malaysia: draft resolution [A C E F R S]

A/C.1/58/L.61 Item 73 (e) — General and complete disarmament: convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament — Malaysia: draft decision [A C E F R S]

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Second Committee

A/C.2/58/11 Item 97 — Operational activities for development — Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation: follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council — Progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 56/201 on the triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system [A C E F R S]

Third Committee

A/C.3/58/L.17/Rev.1/Corr.1

Item 110 — Advancement of women — 79-Power revised draft resolution — Women and political participation [A C E F R S]

A/C.3/58/L.31 Item 116 — Right of peoples to self-determination — 33-Power draft resolution — Universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination [A C E F R S]

A/C.3/58/L.32 Item 116 — Right of peoples to self-determination — 27-Power draft resolution — Use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination [A C E F R S]

A/C.3/58/L.35 Item 116 — Right of peoples to self-determination — 52-Power draft resolution — The right of the Palestinian people to self-determination [A C E F R S]

International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and international Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation

A/CONF.202/3 Report of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and international Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation [A C E F R S]

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